

VZCZCXRO1713
RR RUEHAG RUEHROV RUEHSR
DE RUEHUP #0203 0761432
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
R 171432Z MAR 09
FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 3987
INFO RUCNMEM/EU MEMBER STATES COLLECTIVE
RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS 0030
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK 0130
RUEHUNV/USMISSION UNVIE VIENNA 0064

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 000203

SIPDIS

DEPARTMENT FOR NEA/ELA ALLISON MONZ AND EUR/CE JAMIE LAMORE

E.O. 12958: DECL: 03/17/2029

TAGS: [PREL](#) [EU](#) [SY](#) [HU](#)

SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: U.S. ENGAGEMENT WITH SYRIA

REF: SECSTATE 20919

Classified By: PolOff Ryan Leong, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) On March 12, 2009, PolOff delivered reftel demarche to GoH Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) U.S. desk officers Andras Szorenyi and David Horvath. Szorenyi and Horvath had no immediate response to U.S. requests for a coordinated approach to the Syrian government (SARG) but said their future actions would likely be in line with other major EU players. Furthermore, Szorenyi said that the MFA Department for Africa and the Middle East was closely following the recent high-level contact between Department and SARG officials and appreciated a clarification on what exactly the current U.S. goals were with this engagement. Szorenyi and Horvath planned to forward reftel talking points to Ferenc Csillag, Deputy Head of the Department for Africa and the Middle East.
Foley